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ABSTRACT

The extent of violent crimes reported on New Jersey colleges and universities in 1985 is discussed, based on reports from the institutions. Recommendations for crime prevention made by the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee on Violent Crimes, Hazing, and Arson on Campus are also considered. There were 477 reported incidents of violent crime, hazing, and arson on New Jersey campuses during calendar year 1985, a 35% increase over the number of reported incidents during 1984. The most prevalent violent crime for the past 3 years was assault. Of the total number of incidents reported for 1985, simple assault (62.7%) and aggravated assault (13.6%) constituted 76.3% of all incidents reported. These were followed by robbery (13.0%) and arson (6.1%). There were five reported incidents of hazing in 1985. Final recommendations made by the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee emphasize the operation of crime prevention units and the provision of basic and special training of campus police/security. Data are provided on the incidents of violent crime on campuses compared with state violent crime rates for 1983-1985. A chart indicates crime prevention steps taken by private colleges and public two-year and four-year institutions. Members of the Special Advisory Committee are also listed. (SW)

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Violent Crime, Hazing and Arson on Campus

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In 1982, Governor Kean signed into law P.L. 1982, c.223, legislation mandating that the Chancellor of Higher Education promulgate rules and regulations to monitor the incidence of violence and hazing in institutions of higher education in New Jersey and to establish a uniform record-keeping system on such offenses. The law requires also that the Chancellor report annually to the Governor and Legislature the extent of violence and hazing on campuses of higher education (Table 1), explaining measures being taken to counter the problems and making recommendations to alleviate the problems. With the release of the calendar year 1983 report, I sent a letter to the Presidents of all institutions asking them to consider the following recommendations and report back on the status of these crime prevention activities:

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1. Campus police/security or other designated officials should meet with officers of fraternities/sororities and inform them of the legal ramifications of hazing.

2. Informational sessions on violence and hazing on campus should be added to freshman orientation programs, and should be available to faculty and staff.

3. All institutions of higher education should be encouraged to take advantage of the basic and special training sessions offered by police and/or security organizations.

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4. All institutions of higher education should examine the need for crime prevention units. A crime prevention "unit" would consist of one crime prevention officer at those institutions with police departments or one crime prevention specialist at those institutions with security departments. These individuals need not be assigned full-time crime prevention functions. They can be responsible for normal security/police assignments, and, after having received training, can serve as crime prevention unit representatives, providing workshops and crime prevention information to students, faculty, and staff, including fellow police/security officers.

5. Campus police/security should be reinforced by college work-study students equipped with walkie-talkies (providing direct access to campus police/security) serving on foot patrol.

6. The physical characteristics of each campus should be reviewed to determine if they encourage crime.

7. Strategically placed, highly visible direct-line telephones should be installed to facilitate access to campus police/security.

Tables 2 through 4 provide the responses received from each institution. In addition, a Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee on Violent Crime and Hazing on Campus was established to review the incidents reported and

recommendations made to determine additional measures for alleviating the problems identified at our institutions. Finally, a grant of $1,000 was provided to the College and University Public Safety Association (CUPSA) for the provision of two workshops. The topics of the first workshop were assault and hazing, and the second focused on alcohol usage on campus. The participants at these workshops included not only campus police/security, but also deans of students and legal counsel. As a result of this second workshop, many institutions reviewed their alcohol policies. For example, several institutions will no longer allow alcohol to be delivered to students at any institutional facilities, including dormitories.

The following narrative summarizes the extent of violent crimes reported to have occurred on campuses of higher education during calendar year 1985, our third, and last, year of required reporting, and presents a final set of recommendations made by the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee on Violent Crimes, Hazing and Arson on Campus.

There were 477 reported incidents of violent crime, hazing and arson on New Jersey campuses during calendar year 1985. This number represents a 35% increase over the number of reported incidents (312) during 1984 and a 51% increase over the number of incidents reported (232) in 1983.[1]

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[1]Arson was not included in the 1983 reports. The reporting of these incidents in 1984 and 1985 also contributed to the increases in total incidents reported.

However, exactly how much of this increase is due to improved reporting rather than an actual increase in the number of incidents is unknown. Last year, the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee on Violent Crime, Hazing and Arson on Campus recommended that the 1985 reports provide a breakdown of the number of aggravated and simple assaults. As shown in Table 1, the number of simple assaults reported in 1985 (299) exceeds the total number of all assaults (aggravated and simple) reported for previous years. Upon review of these statistics, the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee (which is comprised of representatives from each sector's police/security departments, as well as Deans of Students (Appendix A)) commented that the clarification of designations for the reporting of simple and aggravated assault seems the most plausible explanation for the increased number of reported incidents.

While the increase in the number of incidents reported may be a matter of more accurate reporting, I am, nevertheless, concerned. The most prevalent violent crime for all three years has been assault. Of the total number of incidents reported for 1985, simple assault (62.7%) and aggravated assault (13.6%) constituted 76.3% of all incidents reported. These were followed by robbery (13.0%) and arson (6.1%). Although the incidence of hazing has been negligible over the past three years, there were 5 reported incidents in 1985. It should be noted, however, that although the incidence and prevalence of violent crime and hazing on campus has increased, the proportion relative to the community-at-large is substantially less.

Upon review of the 1985 data, the final recommendations made by the Chancellor's Special Advisory Committee include reinforcing the recommendations made in 1983 with special emphasis placed on: (1) the operation of crime prevention units, and (2) the provision of basic and special training of campus police/security. In addition, the committee believes that increasing the operational budgets of some police/security departments may be necessary.

The advisory committee believes that the operationalization of crime prevention units would provide significant crime prevention services to students and staff. Some of the more important activities associated with such a unit could include the provision of alcohol awareness training and rape prevention seminars. (As shown in Table 1, there were 17 reported incidents of sexual assault in 1985.)[2] In addition, the committee recommended that funds be appropriated either through special legislation or departmental initiative for group training of crime prevention officers. I am willing to support this effort with a grant of up to $10,000 to CUPSA for provision of this training.

With reference to the provision of basic and special training, the committee believes that the Department of Higher Education should mandate that basic training be required for campus security guards or public

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[2]It should be noted that reported incidents of sexual assault include all reported incidents even if they are later unfounded.

safety officers and, also, provide special funds to cover the cost of training for those institutions of higher education that are unable to provide the resources required for such.[3] The College and University Public Safety Association (CUPSA) has drafted a bill which would mandate basic training for campus security guards, but it has not yet been introduced. I support this legislation.

It was brought to the attention of the special advisory committee that on some campuses the police/security departments budgets had been reduced. These reductions led to the curtailment of crime prevention activities on some campuses and, further, in some cases, to a reduction of staff. While strengthening of the academic component of our institutions is of paramount importance, I recommend that the Presidents seriously consider the bolstering of their institutions' police/security department functions and place this emphasis on a par with academic areas.

Finally, although the law requiring reporting has expired, in light of the increasing incidence of violent crime, hazing and arson, I propose that the number of violent crime, hazing and arson incidents be reported to the Department of Higher Education by our public colleges and universities every three years to identify any new problems as well as the progress made in alleviating violent crime and hazing on campus.

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[3]Campus police officers already meet mandated training requirements.

Table 1

REPORTED INCIDENTS AND VIOLENT CRIME RATES
AT NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
COMPARED WITH STATE VIOLENT CRIME RATES
1983, 1984, AND 1985

	Total Number of Reported Incidents On Campus			Statewide Campus Violent Crime Rates Per 1,000*			State of N.J. Violent Crime Rates Per 1,000**		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
MURDER	0	0	0	--	--	--	0.1	0.1	0.1
RAPE (Sexual Assault)	9	9	17	***	***	***	0.3	0.3	0.3
ROBBERY	84	43	62	0.2	0.1	0.2	2.7	2.4	2.6
ASSAULT	137	208	364	0.4	0.6	1.1			
Simple	(NR)	(NR)	299				N/A	N/A	N/A
Aggravated	(NR)	(NR)	65			0.2	2.5	2.5	2.5
HAZING	2	4	5	***	***	***	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARSON	N/A	48	29	N/A	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4
TOTAL	232	312	477	0.7	0.9	1.4	6.1	5.7	5.9

* Campus populations were calculated as the sum of total headcount enrollment each year plus total full-time employees.

** Source: Uniform Crime Reports, State of New Jersey, Division of State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, 1983, 1984, and 1985.

***Less than one-tenth of one percent.

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Table 2

Crime Prevention Activities, N.J. Community Colleges, FY 1985

Institution	Identified Activity	Meet with Officers of Sororities & Fraternities	Freshman Orientation includes Violence/ Hazing	Take Advantage of Basic & Special Training	Crime Prevention Unit	College work-study Foot Patrols	Review of Physical Characteristics of Campus	Emergency Telephones On Campus
Atlantic		N/A	No	Yes (6)	No	No	Yes (6)	No
Bergen		Yes (3)	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)
Brookdale		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
Burlington		N/A	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Camden		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No	No	No	Yes (1,2,7)	No
Cumberland		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No**	No	No	Yes (6)	Yes
Essex		N/A	Yes (3)	Yes (6)	No (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	No (3)
Gloucester		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No***	*****	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Hudson		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No	No	No	Yes (1,2,7)	No
Mercer		Yes (1,2.7)	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Middlesex		N/A	No	Yes (1,2,7)	No******	No	Yes (6)	Yes
Morris		N/A	No	Yes (1,2,7)	*****	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
Ocean		N/A	No	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
Passaic		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Salem		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No****	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
Somerset		N/A	No	Yes (1,2,7)	No	No	Yes (6)	Yes (6)
Union		*	*	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Warren		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

KEY 1 Have done
2 Are doing
3 Will do
4 Have done (didn't work)
5 Might try again
6 Have done and are expanding efforts
7 Will continue to do
N/A

*Stated in student handbook: "No hazing allowed"
**Contract security services
***In-house training
****Training sessions not available locally. Would like Department of Higher Education to coordinate in-service for security personnel.
*****No formal designation, but perform activities of such
******Budget cuts eliminated crime prevention unit, but are considering financial feasability of providing these services again.

Table 3

Crime Prevention Activities, N.J. Senior Public Institutions, FY 1985

Institution	Recommended Activity	Meet with officers of Sororities & Fraternities	Freshman Orientation includes Violence/ Hazing	Take Advantage of Basic & Special Training	Crime Prevention Unit	College work-study Foot Patrols	Review of Physical Characteristics of Campus	Emergency Telephones On Campus
NJIT		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No***	No (4,5)	Yes (6)	Yes
T. Edison		N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	N/A
UMDNJ		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No****	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)
Glassboro		Yes (3)	Yes (3)	Yes (6)	Yes (6)	Yes*****	Yes (6)	Yes (3)
Jersey City		Yes (2)	Yes (2,7)	Yes (1,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Kean		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes (6)	No (4,5)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)
Montclair		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No (3)	No (4)	Yes (6)	Yes******
Ramapo		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes**	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes(1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)
Stockton		Yes (1,2,7)	No*	Yes (6)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*******
Trenton		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Wm. Paterson		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
Rutgers		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes

KEY 1 Have done
2 Are doing
3 Will do
4 Have done (didn't work)
5 Might Try Again
6 Have done and are expanding efforts
7 Will continue to do
N/A Not applicable.

Notes: *Stockton provides a series of lectures/information sessions regarding personal safety. Attendance is optional. This program is identified as "Operation Passport".
**Training is primarily conducted internally.
***Not per se, but have an officer assigned this responsibility.
****"Anti-Crime Unit" patrol within Department.
*****Escort Service (7 PM to 1 AM).
******Would like to add lights to identify such.
*******Would like to expand to parking lots also.

Table 4

Crime Prevention Activities, N.J. Independent Institutions, FY 1985

Institution	Identified Activity	Meet with officers of Sororities & Fraternities	Freshman Orientation includes Violence/ Hazing	Take Advantage Basic & Special Training	Crime Prevention Unit	College work-study Foot Patrols	Review of Physical Characteristics of Campus	Emergency Telephones on Campus
Assumption		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes****
Berkeley		N/A	Yes*	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes******
Beth Medrash Govoha		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	
Bloomfield		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	**	Yes***	No (4)	Yes (6)	Yes****
Caldwell		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	**	No***	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Centenary		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	**	No***	No	Yes (6)	Yes*****
Don Bosco		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	No
Drew		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes
FDU		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	Yes (6)	Yes (3)	No (4)	Yes (6)	Yes*******
Felician		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	**	No	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes****
Georgian Court		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes********
Monmouth		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)	No	Yes	No
New Brunswick		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No
Northeastern		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No***	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
Princeton Seminary		N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
Princeton		Yes*	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes****
Rabbincial		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
Rider		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (3)	Yes (6)	Yes***	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
St. Elizabeth's		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
St. Peter's		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
Seton Hall		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (3)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Stevens		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes
Talmudical		N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	N/A	N/A	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes*****
Upsala		Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	No***	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (3)
Westminster		N/A	Yes (3)	No	Yes***	Under Consideration	Yes (1,2,7)	Yes (6)

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2 Are doing
3 Will do
4 Have done (didn't work)
5 Might try again
6 Have done and are expanding efforts
7 Will continue to do
N/A Not applicable

*Upon request
**Contract Security
***No formal designation, but perform activities of such.
****Intercom telephone system
*****Standard telephones available for emergencies
******Of a sort, i.e., speed dialing on standard telephone to police or fire department
*******Located on Rutherford & Teaneck campuses only. Considering financial feasibility study to determine if additional phones should be placed outside of campuses in strategic areas.
********Resident advisors have telephones in their rooms with direct access to security gatehouse.

ATTACHMENT A

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